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AMENDMENT B AND RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 1999, in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment and the remarks set forth below.

I. AMENDMENTA. In the Claims

Please cancel claim 16 and amend claims 5, 24-29, and 31 as follows:

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5. (Twice Amended) A method for making a combination of a thematic package and an article [marketed in] contained within the package, the method including the steps of:

constructing [a replica from the group consisting of an icon and] the package as a recognizable icon [symbol] the package having a [:]

shape that is different than a shape of the article contained therein [so as not to suggest the article].